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Honorable Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: *Gottesfeld v. Hurwitz*, 18 Civ. 10836 (PGG)

Dear Judge Gardephe:

On January 6, 2020, Plaintiff Martin Gottesfeld filed a motion seeking an extension of time to file a sur-reply to Defendants' motion to dismiss. Dkt. No. 124. Defendants oppose this motion. Notably, the Court has not granted Plaintiff permission to file a sur-reply at all, thus this motion is improperly characterized as a "motion for extension of time."

As noted in Defendants' reply memorandum of law, *see* Dkt. No. 111 at 14, Plaintiff has already submitted a memorandum in opposition that is well in excess of the typical number of pages permitted by courts in this District. Your Honor's individual rules of practices permit opposition briefs to be 25 pages in length. While these rules of practice except *pro se* cases, Plaintiff's filing of a 163-page opposition (along with a great many exhibits) surely is sufficient to have given him adequate opportunity to present his arguments. *See* Dkt. No. 101.

I thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

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